

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-59. (cancelled)

60. (currently amended) A multiple coupling lock system for an environmentally sealed filling or refilling of a first container or a first hose, comprising:

a first coupling lock having an opening area which is opened;

a first flexible conveyance unit having a first end connected to said first coupling lock in an environmentally sealed manner;

a second end of the first flexible conveyance unit connecting to a second coupling lock in an environmentally sealed manner, said opening area of said first coupling lock being sufficiently large when opened to allow said second coupling lock to pass therethrough; and

said second coupling lock connecting in an environmentally sealed manner to said first container or first hose[[.]] ; and

the first coupling lock comprises at least a first flexible band with at least one locking element on its inner side and at least a second flexible band with at least one second locking element on its inner side which is complementary to the first locking element which enables reversible, tight closure, and an upper side of the first band having at least a third locking element and an upper side of the second band having at least a fourth locking element.

61. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 60 wherein a second flexible conveyance unit is connected in environmentally sealed manner at a first end to said first coupling lock opposite said first flexible conveyance unit and a second end of said second flexible conveyance unit being connected in an environmentally sealed manner to a third coupling lock connectible with said second coupling lock, said third coupling lock being connected in an environmentally sealed manner to a second container or second hose.

62. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 61 wherein a fourth coupling lock connects said second conveyance unit first end to said first coupling lock by docking with said first coupling lock.

63. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 62 wherein said fourth coupling lock has an opening area which when opened is sufficiently large to allow said second coupling lock to pass therethrough.

64. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 60 wherein the first coupling lock opening area is closable by collapsing the first coupling lock.

65. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 63 wherein said first and fourth coupling locks have opening areas are openable and closeable.

66. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 60 wherein said first flexible conveyance unit comprises a hose.

67. (cancelled)

68. (currently amended) A multiple coupling lock system of claim [[67]] 60 wherein the first coupling lock comprises at least a ~~fifth and sixth locking elements element~~ on at least one outer side of the first and second bands, respectively.

69. (currently amended) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 68 wherein the first coupling lock comprises a locking lid containing at least a ~~seventh and eighth locking elements sixth locking element~~ complementary to the ~~third and fourth locking elements element~~ of the upper sides ~~side~~ of the ~~first and second bands band~~, the ~~seventh and eighth locking elements sixth locking element~~ being connectible to the ~~third and fourth locking elements element~~ to form a temporary cover for a selection slit of the first and second bands when the inner sides of the first and second bands are connected with each other via a reciprocal reaction between the first and second locking elements.

70. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 69 wherein the locking lid is connected with the first or second band.

71-72. (cancelled)

73. (currently amended) A multiple coupling lock system according to claim 60 wherein ~~the first coupling lock comprises first and second bands and the first container or first hose connects at an opening edge of the first coupling lock with the first and second bands.~~

74. (currently amended) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 60 wherein the first coupling lock comprises first and second bands and wherein at least an inner side or an outer side of the first or second bands comprises a bonding or adhesive layer.

75-102. (cancelled).

103. (previously presented) A multiple coupling lock system of claim 60 wherein the second coupling lock comprises a closing flap with a first pipe connection, the closing flap being able to be brought to a closed position in which a first end of the pipe connection is locked.

104. (currently amended) A method for an environmentally sealed filling or refilling of a first container or a first hose, comprising the steps of:

providing a first coupling lock having an opening area which is opened;

providing a first flexible conveyance unit having a first end connected to said first coupling lock in an environmentally sealed manner;

providing a second end of the first flexible conveyance unit connecting to a second coupling lock in an environmentally sealed manner, said opening area of said first coupling lock being sufficiently large when opened to allow said second coupling lock to pass therethrough;

providing said second coupling lock connecting in an environmentally sealed manner to said first container or first hose; and

moving said second coupling lock through said first coupling lock while flexing said first flexible conveyance unit[.] ;

providing a second flexible conveyance unit connected in an environmentally sealed manner at a first end to said first coupling lock opposite said first flexible conveyance unit and a second end of said second flexible conveyance unit being connected in an environmentally sealed manner to a third coupling lock connectible with said second coupling lock, said third coupling lock being connected in environmentally sealed manner to a second container or a second hose, and connecting said second coupling lock with said third coupling lock by moving said second coupling through said first coupling lock; and

upon connection of the second and third coupling locks performing a rinse with a cleaning fluid through the second and third coupling locks.

105. (cancelled)

106. (currently amended) A method of claim 105 104 including the steps of providing a fourth coupling lock connecting said second conveyance unit first end to said first coupling lock by docking with said first coupling lock, and connecting said second and third coupling locks by moving the second coupling lock through the docked first and fourth coupling locks.

107. (currently amended) A method of claim 106 including the step of providing said fourth coupling lock with an opening area which when opened is sufficiently large to allow said ~~fourth~~ third coupling lock to pass therethrough.

108. (currently amended) A method of claim 105 104 wherein a suction is provided for transfer of medium from said second container or second hose to said first container or first hose or vice versa when said second and third coupling locks are connected.

109. (currently amended) A method of claim 105 104 wherein said first or second containers or hoses are flexible.

110. (cancelled)

111.-112. (cancelled)